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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2003 AT 5:30 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
18TH FLOOR, ROOM 3 (18-3)

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Meeting of July 30, 2003
- III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*time limit 3 minutes each speaker*)
- V. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. BROWARD TRANSIT BRIDGE PROJECT** – *Broward County MPO*
 - B. CTAC MEMBER SIMULTANEOUSLY SERVING ON CITT** – *Frank Hernandez*
- VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. LRTP AMMENDMENTS** – *Michael Moore, MPO Staff*
 - B. COMMUNITY PROFILE** – *Jill Strube, FIU Institute of Government*
- VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**
- VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT** - *5 Minutes*
- IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE**
 - B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**
 - C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE**
 - D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE**
 - E. MARITIME SUBCOMMITTEE**
 - F. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE**
- X. OLD BUSINESS**
- XI. NEW BUSINESS**
- XII. MEETING DATES**

A. CTAC Subcommittee	09/17/03
B. CTAC Full Committee	09/24/03
C. MPO Governing Board	09/25/03
D. TPC	09/08/03
E. TPTAC	09/03/03
F. BPAC	09/24/03
G. TARC	09/03/03
H. LRTP	09/11/03
I. CITT	09/24/03
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2003

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Frank Hernandez, Chair
Mike Hatcher, First Vice Chair
Norman Wartman, Second Vice Chair
Rolando Acosta
Joe Corradino
Carlos Diaz Padron

Maurice Gan
Mac Glasgow
Emma Pringle
Ramon Ramos
Bernard Superstein
Naomi Wright

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Dave Barlett, Citizen
Miles Moss, Citizen
Hudson Gaulman, Citizen
Claudette Hinton, MDT
Seraphin Bernard, MDT
Patrice Rosemond, OPTM
Delfin Molins, PWD
Jeff Cohen, PWD
Jackie Genard, MPO Staff
Michael Moore, MPO Staff
Oscar Camejo, MPO Staff
Casey Woods, Miami Herald

Jennifer Schaufele, Broward MPO
Enrique Zelaya, Broward MPO
Mario Aspuro, Broward MPO
John Zegeer, Kittelson & Associates
Raphael Dearazoza, FDOT VI
Kenneth Jeffries, FDOT VI
Robert Poole, Reason Foundation
Peter Evans, Metro Aqua Cats
George McMahon, Metro Aqua Cats

Mr. Frank Hernandez, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mac Glasgow moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Changes were made to the agenda which included the omission of the Community Profile Presentation and the addition of the I-95 Tolls Study and the Municipal grant Program presentation to the Information Items section. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the minutes for the July 30, 2003 meeting and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Ms. Wright made a correction to page 5 from “standing line only” to “standing room only” and Ms. Rockwell made corrections to page 3 under the High Speed Ferry Service item to include “\$3 million to \$5 million” and “implementation cost of \$50 million.” Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

No new members.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

In the interest of time and last minute scheduling, Mr. Hernandez requested to take the agenda out of order to accommodate the FDOT members discussing the I-95 Toll Study under the Information Items.

V. INFORMATION ITEM

A. I-95 TOLL STUDY

Rafael Dearazozza from FDOT VI Planning explained that this study was advertised by the MPO for the FDOT to request an amendment to the TIP during a public hearing on September 25th. The CTAC, back in 1999, adopted a Resolution supporting the further study of the I-95 Super Express HOV/HOT Lanes to alleviate traffic congestion. The FDOT has received approximately \$500,00 in grant monies from FHWA to begin the procedure of the study. Mr. Dearazozza explained that this study is not to place tolls on the mainline of I-95, rather it will explore the feasibility of converting the existing HOV lanes to HOT lanes from the Golden Glades Interchange south to I-395. The study will utilize focus groups, interviews, and etc. to determine if the project would be successful. There are approximately 15 other cities that are either studying the concept or have implemented the HOT lanes. There was concern about construction impacts, however this study is only a public participation component that will determine if the project will be publicly acceptable. At a future CTAC meeting a presentation will be made on the aesthetics of the project should it be approved by the public. Emergency and transit vehicles will ride free while single occupant vehicles (SOV) will be charged to ride on the system. There was a request by Mr. Hernandez to consider using the information and data from the study to consider an express vanpool and transit combined lane along I-95.

Mac Glasgow made a motion to convert this item into an Action Item and that CTAC encourage this Study's full report, upon completion, be conveyed in detail to the CTAC subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. TRANSIT BRIDGE PROJECT

Frank Hernandez explained that this project was brought before the August 13th subcommittee where details were discussed and a draft resolution was passed for consideration at this meeting. Mario Aspuro, Broward MPO, introduced himself and gave a brief overview of the project.

Norman Wartman made a motion to pass the draft Resolution endorsing the project and recommending it be included in the LRTP. The motion was seconded by Maurice Gan. Discussion included amending the Resolution to include the language "those projects in this corridor that effect this project must be placed in Priority I." Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. CTAC MEMBER SIMULTANEOUSLY SERVING ON CITT

Mr. Hernandez explained that a draft Resolution was enclosed requesting the BCC to waive the Dual Office Holding Ordinance "Sec. 2-11.38 Membership on Boards".

Mac Glasgow moved to pass the draft Resolution. The motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Discussion included directing the Secretariat to find out if there has to be an amendment to the Ordinance or just a 2/3 vote by the BCC. If an amendment must be made, it was suggested to consider pursuing both this action and an MDX voting seat together. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. LRTP AMENDMENTS

Michael Moore, MPO staff, presented a list of the proposed LRTP amendments to be adopted Year 2025. Projects 1 through 7 in the attached table were forwarded from the Public Works Department. Project No. 8 is forwarded at the request of the Broward County MPO. This set of subject amendments will require an Air Quality Conformity assessment since some of the proposed modifications involve the inclusion or deletion of a construction phase in a funded priority category. The table lists proposed modifications that require the adopted Year 2025 Transportation Plan to be amended accordingly. This item will be advertised as part of the Public Hearing scheduled for October 23rd during the MPO Board meeting. Mr. Wartman requested clarification regarding the city of Coral Gables project, which was addressed by Public Works, Jeff Cohen. Ms. Wright

asked why the only project in the NW section was withdrawn. Mr. Cohen explained that the Commissioner Seijas requested the project be taken off the list.

B. MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

Oscar Camejo, MPO Staff, presented a list of municipalities' proposed transportation planning studies. The total requested is \$137, 160 excluding 20% required minimum local match. He informed the committee that former CTAC member, Jason Lichtstein, was the representative for both the Municipal Grant Program and the UPWP. Mr. Hernandez appointed Norman Wartman as the new representative for these committees.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hernandez informed the committee that Johnny Martinez, District VI Secretary will be attending the September CTAC meeting and the Secretariat will be emailing the members requesting questions and comments for him to address during that meeting. He also informed the committee that he would be attending the CITT Nominating Committee meeting this Friday at 2 PM if there is a quorum. Mr. Hernandez yielded a few minute to miles Moss to give a brief update on the CITT.

Mr. Moss informed the committee that the most important items the CITT is working on are their By-Laws and finance issues. The subcommittees have been meeting on a bi-weekly basis to address the issues of finances regarding the seven projects to be funded under the Peoples' Transportation Plan. However, it seems that only three projects will be funded, but they are trying to determine how the others will be funded as promised. The full time Chair will be voted in during the September meeting. There has been concern that the staff for the CITT is coming from OPTM, because of the potential conflict that poses. The CITT is looking into having staff housed in the County Manager's office to maintain its' intended independent nature. The web page has yet to be updated.

IX. SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

Ms. Rockwell informed the committee the Enforcement Workshop will take place on Wednesday, September 3 at 5:30 PM in Room 18-3. The Chief of Police in each municipality, the FHP and Miami-Dade County has been invited to attend. The September CTAC Subcommittee has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2003, which will include the Federal Roadway Reclassification Explanation and CTAC on MDX Board issues. CTAC Pending and Completed Lists were handed out to inform the committee were they stood with topics they are interested in addressing. An FDOT Announcement regarding the Bridge and Roadway improvement Project for the NW 12th Avenue Bridge was made available to the Committee. Claudette Hinton, MDX, has forwarded responses to citizens that commented as a result of the Annual Newsletter that have been inputted into the MPO Database. She also informed the Committee that Jackie Genard would be leaving at the end of the week to go back to school.

Norman Wartman made a motion to adopt a Resolution recognizing Jackie Genard for her hard work and effort in working with CTAC and also that a letter be constructed from the Chair

recognizing her efforts. The motion was seconded by Maurice Gan and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE
- B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
- C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE
- D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE – Mike Hatcher informed the committee that the Aviation Transportation Committee Meeting met at the same time, so he could not attend.
- E. MARITIME SUBCOMMITTEE - The Broward Transit Bridge Project was presented by Broward County MPO's Mario Aspuro and Kittelson & Associates', John Zegees. The subcommittee passed a motion to forward a draft Resolution to the Full CTAC Committee supporting the project and to adopt it into the LRTP. George McMahon and Peter Evans from Metro Aqua Cats discussed their proposal for a High Speed Ferry Service in Miami-Dade County. After much discussion on the topic, the subcommittee decided to support their original Resolution that had been passed at the July 30th full committee meeting supporting the concept/idea of the proposal and that it should be moved through the appropriate committees for further evaluation. Mr. Evans thanked the committee for its' support for the project.
- F. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
(No reports were given for items A-C, and F)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Emma Pringle explained to the Committee that there was another meeting of the North Corridor Citizens' Action Committee Monday, August 26th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Metrorail alignment options along 27th Avenue between 69th Street and the Dade/Broward county line. There was concern about the flyover through the Model City area. Once again, it was standing room only showing the citizens' interest in the project. Letters will be sent to individuals along 27th Avenue announcing the next meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Wright informed the Committee that she was enlightened during the Maritime meeting held on the Port. She suggested that whenever possible, the committee take field trips to see first hand how systems operate and what the issues are. Mr. Hernandez directed the committee members to submit their field trip ideas to the Secretariat. In addition, Mr. Hernandez suggested that the Committee should meet in various areas throughout the County.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

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